

Regional Community Development News – August 2, 2006 [regions_work]

A weekly compilation of news links about and for regional communities pursuing local and regional development. Published on line since November 11, 2003.

1. SEDA-COG plans energy center - Sunbury Daily Item - Sunbury, PA, USA

The SEDA-Council of Governments is asking for a \$50,000 contribution from each of the 11 counties it serves to aid in the construction of an energy resource center.

Representatives of the multi-county development agency approached the Snyder County commissioners Tuesday to discuss the proposed \$3.2 million "green" building in East Buffalo Township.

"It's not just a building for SEDA-COG, it's an investment for the region," executive director Dennis Robinson told the commissioners.

As the country faces an energy crisis, he said, the area's private and public sectors will benefit from the facility designed to demonstrate new energy-efficient technology, including new approaches to lighting, heating and cooling, stormwater management and use of native plants and locally available construction materials and furnishings.

Also, new programs are being developed to look into areas including the bio-gas agriculture industry and renewable energy technologies.

The pitch to the Snyder County commissioners was the first on a tour of 11 counties, which will include Union, Northumberland and Montour counties.

Mr. Robinson said the agency is pursuing a low-interest loan and grants for the remaining \$2.7 million needed to build the 13,000-square-foot "living laboratory."

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2. Can Dane Co. and Wisconsin learn from Denver? - WTN News - Madison, WI, USA

Madison, Wis. - Dane County political and economic development leaders have received two good pieces of news. One, the fund-raising campaign of the area Collaboration Council has surpassed the \$1 million mark, and two, there now is a booming area that once faced even greater regional challenges than Dane County.

The latter message was delivered by Tom Clark, executive vice president of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corp., who addressed a meeting of the Capitol Region Economic Development Professionals in Madison. Clark visited both Milwaukee and Madison to describe how the economic renaissance of Colorado's largest metropolitan area came about, and much of what he said sounded too good to be true.

Imagine a nine-county region with 3.3 million people where municipalities adhere to a code of ethics that sometimes dictates steering interested companies toward neighboring cities.

Call it a rising tide that lifts all boats, or call it metropolitan Cumbaya, but political and

business leaders in the Denver area now swear by it. "It's really not a radical idea to get communities working together on a regional basis," Clark said.

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Note: Also see subscription story below. Ed.

3. Quality of life region's best magnet - Oshkosh Northwestern - Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA

Business attraction and retention is a never-ending battle.

An assortment of factors come into play including, infrastructure, cultural amenities, available housing, access to health care, available local work force and quality of life.

Members of The Post-Crescent Business Advisory Panel recently shared their ideas on business development.

What can be done better to attract people and new business from outside the Fox Valley?

Chris Hanson: From my point of view as a small business owner the past three years, I look at what the Fox Cities have to offer. I live in Kaukauna and my taxes are among the highest in the Fox Cities. I hear this is a deterrent, not only taxation on small businesses but taxation on individuals. I understand in terms of real estate taxes, our area is among the highest in the country.

Dick Kendall: There have been a couple of publications recently that said Appleton is among the top favorable places to live in the nation. If we want to make ourselves attractive to businesses, we have to maintain the wholesomeness of the area.

The other thing we want to do is make sure we are not too restrictive on businesses where they want to locate in other communities, where regulations aren't as restrictive. Businesses should be able to get operational quickly.

Dan O'Neill: One thing that kept the area from developing faster is the idea that we are a conglomeration of independent communities.

There isn't a regional focus, not until New North started. This area has been a well-kept secret.

When someone comes to this area, they see that is one large metropolitan area, but few people here really feel it. Everyone here thinks they live in their own place. Each community has it's own identity.

I think we have to continue to encourage regional efforts like [New North](#).

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RCs: [Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission](#); [East Central Regional Planning Commission](#)

4. Activists: Poll will help region - Youngstown Vindicator - Youngstown, OH, USA

Residents across northeastern Ohio are being asked to participate in an online survey that will help map the future of economic development for the region.

Voices & Choices, a project set up by a group of philanthropic organizations across a 16-county region, used public meetings and leadership conferences to come up with a list of six specific challenges to the region's economic future.

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RCs: Eastgate Regional Council of Governments; Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

5. Asean On Track To Realise Community Vision - Bernama - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (Bernama) -- Under the shadow of pressing regional and international issues, Asean foreign ministers today concluded their weeklong annual talks here guided by the regional grouping's ultimate objective of becoming a more central part of everyday life for all Southeast Asians.

They discussed and issued statements on attention-grabbing issues, such as the Israeli offensive in Lebanon in its war against the Hizbollah militants, North Korea's reluctance to join the six-party talks to denuclearise the Korean peninsula and Myanmar's foot-dragging over its progress to democracy.

At the same time, the ministers kept on track the 10-member regional grouping's desire to realise the Asean Community by 2020, or even earlier, efforts that would enable it to bring Asean to the people and, the people, to Asean.

The annual talks comprised the 39th Asean Ministerial Meeting and Post-Ministerial Conferences as well as the 13th Asean Regional Forum, a security dialogue, all three bringing to the negotiating table 26 countries of the world.

"We have also seen a renewed interest among the dialogue partners to further pursue dialogue cooperation with Asean and, in doing so, contribute towards Asean's community-building effort," Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today at the close of the meetings.

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6. Group establishes 'mega-shelter' guidelines

Access Control & Security Systems

In the storms of 2005, major facilities were integral in saving lives and for sheltering thousands of displaced hurricane evacuees who lost everything and who relied on fellow citizens for life-saving aid. Facility managers and their staffs responded to the call for help, and for the first time in American history, they were asked to operate "mega-shelters."

Arenas, stadiums, convention centers and performing arts theaters became temporary homes and medical facilities for extended periods of time. There was no precedent for such operations.

The International Association of Assembly Managers (IAAM) has responded to the need for best practice guidelines for mega-shelter operations. IAAM reached out to its industry partners, the Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross.

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7. EMS & Its Midlife Crisis - EMS Magazine - College Park, MD, USA

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Pressing Problems

The Crossroads report traces the development of EMS following Accidental Death, chronicling its expansion, with ample federal support, in the 1970s; the funding losses and fragmentation of the 1980s; and the wheel-spinning of the 1990s, when documents like the Agenda for the Future laid out so many ambitious goals that have yet to be realized.

It pays heed to the advances made over those decades, which are indeed substantial: 9-1-1 accessibility to virtually all Americans, rapid responses that facilitate lifesaving care, advanced equipment that enables expanded services. But it also catalogs all the pressing problems of today: the fragmentation and lack of coordination, the ED overcrowding and diversions, the funding shortfalls, the high costs of preparedness, the workforce issues, the paucity of data and evidence bases, and so on.

Finally, it articulates a grand vision for the future: seamless integration of dispatch, EMS, definitive medical, public safety and public health efforts and interests. Appropriate care without delay. Evidence-based interventions and rapid adoption and adaptation of innovations. Rare diversions and ample standby capacities. System monitoring and transparent performance for a public that's engaged in its own well-being through bystander training and active prevention.

To get there, the authors make a series of recommendations across several discrete areas.

Building a 21st-century emergency care system

The emphasis here is on coordination and communication. The authors support greater regionalization-as is done with, for instance, trauma care-as a way of matching patients with the definitive resources most appropriate for them. As with trauma centers, providers and systems would have their capabilities identified and categorized under national standards. Patients would be routed to systems and facilities best-suited to address their conditions.

"A lot of the report centers around this notion of **regionalization**," says Sanddal. "What we're envisioning is better integration and accountability of existing healthcare resources to respond to the needs of a geographic area." ...

8. C change for a sea change - Border Mail - Albury, New South Wales, Australia

FIRST we had the sea change phenomenon; now there is a push to encourage a C change.

The C stands for country, and to help entice people to move from cities into the Riverina-Murray a C Change Bureau has been established by the Riverina Regional Development Board.

The bureau was officially launched at a careers and employment expo in Sydney yesterday.

NSW Tourism, Sport and Recreation Minister, Sandra Nori said it was necessary to encourage people to relocate or return to regional areas.

She said C Change Bureau was an example of regional communities taking a positive approach.

Ms Nori said it was clear that Sydney and Melbourne could not grow indefinitely and that the best C change strategy was one where people moved because they made that decision.

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9. Summit promotes regionalism - Ironton Tribune - Ironton, OH,USA

Where there are two or more gathered good things can happen.

That was the message Thursday night during the inaugural Regional Summit Meeting, sponsored by the Southeast Lawrence County Kiwanis Club. Advantage Valley, an economic development corporation working in 11 counties in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, also played a key part in the summit's conception.

Organizers say the idea of the event was to bring together people from all backgrounds and professions to work toward one common goal: regional economic success.

Gayle Vest, director of Advantage Valley, said her organization is working hand in hand with other local agencies to share resources to build a stronger region.

She theorized that many of the problems local economic development groups have with recruiting business and industry are caused by the lack of a spirit of regionalism. Individual communities in the three states have relatively low populations and an even leaner work force, Vest said.

The region has a combined population of about a half-million, she said.

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10. U.S. regional communities - sub-State, State or multi-State - in news articles. Highlighted words are Google search terms. In this and the following section, links to websites of organizations are added to the news excerpt when this is the first time an organization has been found. A goal of this newsletter is to find every regional council in the U.S. in a news story. In most cases, where a full name is present a Google search will quickly get one to that organization.

a) Regional commission names interim director

Bizjournals.com - Charlotte, NC,USA

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission has appointed an interim director after its executive director announced he will retire at the end of the month. Michael Robinette announced last week he'll retire effective Friday, and Donald Spang will assume the position of interim executive director starting July 31. ...

b) Regional panel OKs roadwork proposals

Allentown Morning Call - Allentown, PA,USA

A **regional** transportation planning group approved a plan on Friday that allocates nearly \$260 million in highway money ... by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Rural Transportation Organization, the plan allocates 2007-10 highway money. ...

c) Rethinking the power structure

MaineToday.com - Portland, ME, USA

Should Maine pull the plug on its 35-year membership in New England's electric power pool? ... How about forging stronger connections with neighboring New Brunswick and swapping more power with Atlantic Canada? ... Various legal and tariff issues would need to be ironed out for a joint Maine-Canadian **regional transmission organization** ...

d) Black visitors drawn to region

Sun-Sentinel.com - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA

... Broward County has attracted several black professional groups. ... national conventions in the past would have gone to Miami because black organizations were not familiar with Fort Lauderdale ... "They are coming here for several reasons," said Albert Tucker, who oversees multicultural tourism for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Visitors and ...

e) Special interests mobilize for tax reform fight

NorthJersey.com - Hackensack, NJ, USA

... Consolidation among the patchwork of New Jersey's 566 municipalities and 611 school districts has long been promoted ... Teachers, police officers, firefighters and other politically powerful public employee groups fear it could lead to fewer jobs and promotions as well as scaled-back health benefits, vacation packages and pensions for public employees. ...

f) Charter needs airing

Poughkeepsie Journal - Poughkeepsie, NY, USA

... centerpiece of the charter changes, creating an elected county executive position, is vital for a county that has suffered from a lack of leadership and accountability. The executive will have control over the day-to-day operations of county government. Ulster's government is run by 33 legislators who pick a part-time chairman from their ranks, and hire a county administrator to handle daily oversight. As a result, voters don't have a direct say in picking who leads their county. ...

g) 10 Halifax groups awarded grants

Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond, VA, USA

Ten Halifax County organizations are the latest benefactors from a series of grants issued Wednesday by the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region. The grants, totaling \$210,000, represent the last installment from the foundation's Chastain Home Fund...

h) Get on the bus and ride a cultural shift

Roanoke Times - Roanoke, VA, USA

... The region's Smart Way Bus does not ferry revolutionary nonconformity on the steep climb from Roanoke to Blacksburg. But, like Kesey's motor coach, the Smart Way Bus can help grind out a cultural shift. Want a tangible example of regional economic cooperation? Get on the bus. ...

i) Firefighters use new tools to rescue man

Urbana/Champaign News-Gazette - Champaign/Urbana, IL, USA

... "This has been the first practical application of our **regional response** team," said Fire Division Chief Tony Foster of the new system put together about a ...

j) Gulf Coast group recruiting 20K workers

Seattle Post Intelligencer - USA

Amid a desperate shortage of labor to rebuild the Gulf Coast following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, a business group launched an effort Friday to recruit and train up to 20,000 new construction workers for the **region**. The **Business Roundtable**, a Washington-based association of 160 chief executives of major companies, said it plans to recruit ...

k) Utility wrong to block regional water plan

Kentucky.com - Lexington, KY, USA

It's bad enough to steal the idea for a **regional** water plant and torpedo the best **cooperation** the Bluegrass has ever seen. But Kentucky American Water also wants to charge its customers extra for all this. The Bluegrass Water Supply Commission's plan to build a publicly owned regional treatment plant on the Kentucky River north of Frankfort would solve water needs in Fayette and nine other counties. ...

l) Regional 'investment' sought

Cincinnati Enquirer - Cincinnati, OH, USA

Local young professionals think Cincinnati is making progress and want to help. They call the arts and good neighborhoods the **region's** most important assets. They're concerned about safety problems in Over-the-Rhine, and ... Oh yeah, they also want casino gambling in Ohio, light rail to the airport and a smoking ban in Cincinnati. ...

m) Local View: State must not lose control of Platte

Lincoln Journal Star - Lincoln, NE, USA

History has clearly shown that when it comes to **multi-state** compacts, Nebraska's track record is dismal. The 1943 Republican River Compact and Kansas lawsuit settlement agreement have now placed nearly all of south central and southwest Nebraska in dire economic straits due to severe restrictions being forced on irrigation there. ...

n) Perpetuating Poverty: Lotteries Prey on the Poor

Acton Institute - Grand Rapids, MI, USA

... 20, **multi-state** Mega Millions lottery, Michigan officials tempted players with the promise of \$24,300 per day! in a press release that described winning ...

o) Cape Codder plans Cape Wind roundtable, online opinion poll

Cape Codder - Orleans, MA, USA

With the goal of advancing the wind farm/wind energy dialogue beyond the spin stage, The Cape Codder is sponsoring a **roundtable** discussion with key players in the Cape Wind debate and is conducting an on line poll to gauge the opinions of Cape Codders. Cape Wind proposes to develop a 130-turbine wind farm ...

p) Getting together over a book

York Dispatch - York, PA, USA

... Public library workers from Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties launched this year's One Book, One Community: Our

Region Reads annual reading campaign Wednesday. This year's book, "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini, is about a man's experience growing up in Afghanistan. ...

q) New Freedom out of regional planning group

York Daily Record - York, PA, USA

Regional planners appear to place a "high priority" on matters that are good for Shrewsbury Township while criticizing other member municipalities for making decisions that in the commission's opinion "are not considered to be consistent with regional ideals," ... serving its own interests to the detriment of the residents and other municipalities ...

r) AAA opens regional facility

Arizona Republic - Phoenix, AZ, USA

... handle between 30,000 and 32,000 calls a day from customers in California and Arizona ... our focus is making sure we are looking out for the safety, security and peace of mind of our members ... Though it would be cheaper, outsourcing call-center jobs to places like India and the Philippines would defy the company's corporate philosophy ...

s) Intergovernmental Council discusses possible use of proposed sales tax

Siftings Herald - Arkadelphia, AR, USA

... Clark County Intergovernmental Council agreed that a sales tax is needed to raise funds for a new county jail and to promote economic development in the county. However, the council, which is composed of the mayors of the county's cities and the county judge, did not agree on how much money local municipalities should receive. ...

t) Emergency Responders Pass First Big Test Of Regional Plan

Hartford Courant - United States

The Regional Emergency Deployment Plan... was the picture of success in its first large-scale test, ... The Red Plan, as it's called, is used for 20 different types of emergencies, ranging from public health issues to massive power interruptions, situations involving planes, trains, motor vehicles, buildings, hospitals, law enforcement, fires, natural disasters and terrorist attacks. ...

u) Greater Chamber working to unify regional agenda

San Antonio Business Journal - San Antonio, TX, USA

Leaders of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce will try to build consensus on key regional issues on Tuesday, Aug. 2, when they meet with the leaders of several South Texas border communities in Laredo. The meeting is the third phase of a four-part series of meetings intended to create a unified front prior to the 2007 Texas Legislative session. ...

11. Other in the news: Highlighted words are Google search terms.

a) Region gets Home Office mortuary

BBC News UK

... forensic teams and police can use the facilities to investigate suspicious deaths from across the **region**. University Hospitals of Leicester's ... "The fact that our hospitals

attracted £1.6m funding from the Home Office to create an innovative forensic mortuary is great news for Leicestershire as it helps to put the city on the map. ...

b) Our changing culture map

Stuff.co.nz - Wellington, New Zealand

... In 2001, 42 per cent of people in creative occupations lived in the Auckland **region**, compared with 31 per cent of the total workforce. ...

c) Lawyer to bring cities together

BBC News - UK

A corporate lawyer has been tasked with bringing traditional rivals Glasgow and Edinburgh closer together. ... The collaboration project aims to combine the strengths of both cities to help Scotland compete internationally. The two-year £55,000 post, based in both cities, is funded by the councils and hosted by Scottish Enterprise.

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d) Arinday: Doing a dream on super regions idea

Sun.Star - Philippines

... If we lag behind our neighbors like Vietnam, disastrously disabled by the war, it is our lethargic attitude towards our plight, ... The creation of super-regions is the starting of doing our dream on how we can break the chain of the usual and seasonal tiempo muerto in sugarlandia. ... Let's do our dream. Don't dream.

e) Lords 'should represent UK regions'

ePolitix - UK

Reform of the House of Lords could be based around greater representation of the UK's **regions** to prevent it becoming "London-centric", the Labour Party Chairman has said.

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f) Comment: Conference Board plays politics with cities

Ottawa Business Journal - Ontario, Canada

... As for Halifax being the hub for the entire Atlantic **region**, it's safe to say ... isn't some sort of conspiracy to shut Ottawa out of the metropolitan **map** of Canada ...

g) Seven regions on storm alert

Think Spain - Spain

The Civil Protection and Emergencies department has put seven **regions** on severe storm alert and the Balearic Islands, where temperatures of 36°C are forecast ...

h) Six new fires start in region

Fort Frances Times - ON, Canada

With no end in sight to the dry conditions the **region** has been experiencing of late, the Ministry of Natural Resources reported six new fires in Northwestern Ontario in the past 24 hours....

i) Armenia Striding Confidently towards Eurointegration and Cooperation with NATO

PanARMENIAN.Net - Yerevan, Armenia

... NATO Liaison Officer for the South Caucasus **Romualdas Razuks**, NATO's target in the South Caucasus is the unification of efforts by international organizations for

ensuring security and stability in the region and development of economic ties. ...

Armenia has already chosen the European path and we welcome her moves in this direction, ...

j) Decision on amalgamation to come in October

ChronicleHerald.ca - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

... plebiscite on whether the two governments should merge, 74 per cent of town voters rejected the idea while 84 per cent of county residents favoured **amalgamation** ...

k) Invasive plants prefer disturbance in exotic regions than in home regions

EurekAlert (press release) - Washington, DC, USA

... "If disturbance in non-native regions is no different than in native regions, then clearly the management response is to limit disturbance and thus to limit invasions. However, if disturbance in invaded regions has a much stronger effect than in native regions, then the management response must look beyond disturbance to control or limit the invasion." ...

l) Sprawl systems go in million-man club

Calgary Sun Canada

Calgary's love-hate relationship with growth was consummated again this past week with the christening of its one-millionth resident.... Calgary still enjoys an advantage larger North American centres don't have. Almost without exception, other centres are hemmed in by suburbs -- ... much of Calgary is ringed by more farmland for the taking. ...

m) How to cut commuting times in the GTA

Toronto Star - Ontario, Canada

... According to a recently released Statistics Canada report, Canadians spend an average of 63 minutes per day commuting between home and work an increase of 9 minutes since 1992. In the GTA, the city with the longest average commuting times in the country, the **average round-trip commute** was **79 minutes** ...

n) New map search on the Web

eGov monitor - London, UK

Rotherham's Planning Service ... planning details on individual properties more accessible to the public is the result of the Planning Service having indexed over 77,000 records from the past 58 years. In the majority of cases this means that the complete planning history of a site, whether it be houses, shops or factories, is now available. ...

o) Bill Clinton, global mayors form alliance on climate change

San Jose Mercury News - CA, USA

... partnership between Clinton and the Large Cities Climate Leadership Group - an alliance of Rome, London, Mexico City, Los Angeles and other big cities that have pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions ... The pact is similar to one signed Monday by California and Britain, which will share information and technology to cut pollutants linked to climate change. ...

p) Google Earth impacts science

United Press International USA

The world's scientists are increasingly using Google Earth's digital globe, ... wasn't intended for scientific work -- merely as an entertainment feature -- the Google search engine's extraordinary globe has become useful for such widely differing functions as tracking diminishing ice sheets, locating crime scenes and monitoring volcanoes, ...

r) Multi-Nation Moon Collaboration Backed

Space.com - USA

... space probes are being readied for a job toward lunar orbit: Japan's SELENE; China's Chang'E 1, India's Chandrayaan 1 and the U.S. Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter. ... European Space Agency's (ESA) SMART-1, already in orbit around the Moon, ... Nearly 250 Moon planners ... International Lunar Exploration Working Group (ILEWG). ...

s) 1st World Congress of Epirotes Abroad:

Greek News - New York, USA

Greek expatriates from Epirus met for three days in Ioannina, ... Epirus is one of the regions where the approval of entrepreneurial proposals has been given priority. The national, strategic reference framework 2007-2013, the next Community Framework focuses on regional development....

12. Sub-State Regions - Indiana - U.S. Census Midwest Region; East North Central Division, FIPS Code 18

Following is a selection of links relating to regional arrangements in Indiana. This year each issue features a State with links to maps of regions and regional related resources. The Census Regions and Divisions of the United States map **is being used going, region by region from the Northeast to the South to the Midwest to the West.**

Link: http://www.census.gov/geo/www/us_regdiv.pdf

a) IN Regional Planning & Devel. Districts

b) STATS Indiana - (WIA) Regions

c) Indiana Economic Growth Regions

d) Indiana Interactive County Map

e) IN Criminal Justice Institute - Regions

f) IN State Fire Marshal Task Force Regions

g) Indiana Area Agencies on Aging

h) IndianaMap - Coordination of GIS

i) Indiana Regional Councils NARC

13. Announcements and links.

a) Mining towns to meet in October at Leadville - Ely Daily Times - Ely, NV, USA

LEADVILLE, Colo. -- The boom and bust cycle of a mining town can be difficult for a community and, in some cases, can destroy a town's economy.

Leadville, Colo., North America's highest incorporated city, is one mining town that has experienced and endured the ups and downs of the mining culture. It made its fortune in silver in the late 1800s, and in molybdenum after World War I. Leadville has since experienced many hardships since the Climax Mine closed in 1982, taking with it more than 3,000 jobs and almost 80 percent of the community's assessed valuation. But the resilient town has survived and renewed its economy by capitalizing on their No. 1 economic strength: tourism.

This Oct. 3-5, Leadville will host the first National Summit of Mining Communities, which organizers hope will become an annual event. ...

Early registration for the conference (before Aug. 15) is \$295 per person. Registration after that date is \$350. The registration fee includes track sessions, break refreshments, daily lunch and hospitality events, including a walk through Leadville's historical downtown area. For more information on the National Summit of Mining Communities conference, or to register, go to <http://www.2tough2die.com/> or call Lori Meurs at (719) 486-4217.

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b) Co-operation - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Even if all members of a group would benefit if all cooperate, individual self-interest may not favor **cooperation**. The prisoner's dilemma codifies this ...

14. Density

a) Those incredible shrinking backyards

Sacramento Bee - CA, USA

... north of downtown Sacramento, especially has become rife with large homes packed onto less than a 10th of an acre. ... "As funny as it sounds, you can get a 3,000-square-foot home on a 4,000-square-foot lot," ... Sacramento Area Council of Governments. "It fits one of the key changes in the housing supply that 'Blueprint' is trying to promote." ...

b) Architect: Rethink city development

Asheville Citizen-Times - NC, USA

... Any thoughts on how you deal with that and why that might be? A: **Density** is a relative term, and it's a lightning-rod thing for a lot of people. ...

c) **How to cram 'em in**

Orlando Sentinel - Orlando, FL,USA

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright envisioned a community where each family would live on at least an acre of land. He called it Broadacre City. These days, the trend is just the opposite. ... "Most of the people just don't like the idea of these town houses anymore,"

15. Subscription link story.

City can learn from Denver - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (subscription) - Milwaukee, WI,USA

Milwaukee has the tools to develop a more entrepreneurial economy, but it isn't using them as well as it could.

That's the message in data comparing Milwaukee and Denver, prepared for the Wisconsin Technology Council by Madison-based Fintel LLC.

"The two cities have comparable inputs, but Denver has done a much better job of harnessing its resources," said Tom Still, president of the Wisconsin Technology Council.

Still asked Fintel to prepare the data in preparation for a talk today by Tom Clark, executive vice president of the **Metro Denver Economic Development Corp.**

Milwaukee and Denver both rank relatively high compared with more than 300 other metropolitan areas in terms of research and development, patents per 1,000 people, and the types of the high-tech orientation of industry, according to Fintel's analysis.

For example, Milwaukee ranks in the 87th percentile and Denver in the 91st, in patents per 1,000 workers, the Fintel data shows.

But Denver does a much better job of starting and nurturing young companies and entrepreneurial activities, as well as expanding upon the wealth and jobs that ultimately flow from them, the data show.

For example, Milwaukee ranks in the 42nd percentile and Denver in the 94th on Fintel's entrepreneurial index.

Founded in 1999, Fintel has more than 900,000 companies in its database, against which small and midsize companies can compare themselves.

Clark will speak in Milwaukee today and in Madison Tuesday on how the Denver region learned to foster economic development cooperatively over the last 18 years. The Denver area suffered greatly in the 1980s oil and real estate busts and is now considered a leading technology-based region.

"They got away from the old model of Denver competing with Boulder, which competed with Littleton, and they realized all they were doing is driving companies to Phoenix and

Dallas," said Still, who was part of a 50-member delegation from Madison and Milwaukee that visited Denver in February.

Clark has worked in various economic development jobs in Denver. He was the creator and first president of the Metro Denver Network, a predecessor to the current organization. The network in 1988 received the Arthur D. Little Award for Excellence in Economic Development, the nation's highest honor in economic development.

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16. Google News for Regional

Other menu sections available from this link include: Regional Development; Regional Council; Regional Commission; Regional America; Regional Asia; Regional Europe; Regional Competition; Regionalism; Intergovernmental and other search terms. They can be sorted by date or relevance. These are among the 50 search terms I use to produce this newsletter.

My name is Tom Christoffel. I've worked in the field of intergovernmental cooperation since 1973. As a consequence, "I see regions." *Regional Community Development News* is published weekly based on news reports as of Wednesday. Making visible analysis and actions at multi-jurisdictional regional scales is its purpose. "Think globally, act locally" was innovative in its time. Today the local scale is often too small to address today's needs and opportunities. "Think local planet, act regionally," is my candidate paradigm. (No one said we're only allowed one paradigm.) We can see that regional communities are organized locally and now act both to avoid tragedy in the commons and gain benefits. An effective multi-jurisdictional regional community has DNA: it is geographically Defined; has a common Name and its Alignment is inclusive of smaller communities and participatory in larger communities. So, by scanning this compilation, reading articles and checking organizations - you too will be able to see the regional communities that already exist. News references are found using the Google News search service. Media article links are fair use to transform globally scattered reports to make regional approaches visible. Links go to the publisher and do not compete with it. Such publishers are likely to have related stories and thus be seen by new customers. Regional is an emerging news category. There is no charge for this service and no profit is made from its use, though any user can become more aware of the topic itself.

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